Restructuring of Employment Exchanges

253. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to restructure the Employment Exchanges with a view to providing jobs to the unemployed youth of the country;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reduce the number of unemployed youth;

(c) whether Government have introduced a scheme under which Employment Exchange personnel would be trained for giving vocational guidance to the youth; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Employment Exchanges do not create jobs. They are one amongst several agencies through which placement of unemployed are effected against vacancies notified. Continuous efforts are made to improve the functioning of Employment Exchanges in the country. One such recent effort in this direction is the advice to State Governments|Union Territories to computerise the operations of Employment Exchanges. Under a centrally sponsored scheme, Central assistance is also provided on a matching basis to the State Governments|Union Territories for computerisation of Employment Exchanges.

(b) Steps to reduce unemployment are given in the Seventh Five Year Plan document.

(c) and (d) Training in vocational guidance is part of the normal training imparted to the Employment Exchange personnel.

Development of Tourist Potential of National Parks

254. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Parks with details of budget provision for their development during the current financial year;

(b) the details of the master plan prepared for the development of tourist of the Tadoba National Park in Chandrapur, Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of the programmes to be taken up in a phased manner and by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There are 60 National Parks in the country and a sum of Rs. 130 lakhs has been allocated for their development in 1987-88.

(b) Government of India has no plan for development of tourist potential of the Tadoba National Park in Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

Unorganised Workers

255. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of unorganised workers in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken for their welfare and to bring them into the organised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR

(SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The 1981 Census does not actegorise workers as organised and unorganised. Workers are identified by the sectors in which they are engaged; e.g., agriculture and allied occupations, Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Construction, Transport Services, etc. It is, therefore, difficult to state accurately the number of unorganised workers in the Country.

(b) Apart from various Labour Laws and Welfare Funds, that are applicable to the unorganised workforce, the package of anti-poverty programmes, like IRDP are aimed at improving the lot of poorer sections of the community of which the unorganised workforce forms the bulk. Organisation of Rural Workers and Organisation of Beneficiaries of Anti-poverty Programmes are two schemes which aim at helping such workers to organise themselves.

Migration from Punjab to Haryana

256. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some people have migrated from Punjab to Haryana for reasons of insecurity in Punjab;

(b) if so, what is their number; and

(c) what steps are being taken to facilitate their return to Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Haryana 1276 families have migrated to the State from Punjab during the period 1.1.1986 to 22.7.1987. Of them, 97 families have returned to their native places till that date.

(c) The Government of Punjab have decided to offer facilities to the migrants to facilitate their return to the State. Theses include allotment of houses on concessional terms at any place of the choice of the migrants, grant of loan up to Rs. 25,000/- from nationalised banks with a subsidy grant of Rs. 5,000/- from the State Government, grant of Rs. 2500/- to meet the transportation expenses for return to the State. In the case of families which have lost their bread winners due to terrorist activities, special facilities like allotment of free low income group houses, employment to one of the dependants, grant of special pension of Rs. 250/- per month for a period of three years to the widows and free education to the children of such families, have been offered. The State Government have also taken steps to ensure the security of the lives and properties of such persons in the State.

The Government of Haryana have issued instructions to the district authorities to give wide publicity and bring to the notice of the migrants from Punjab the facilities offered by the Government of Punjab and to provide necessary facilities to such persons for their early return to Punjab.

Arrest of Assassins of General Vaidya

257. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assassins of General Vaidya were recently apprehended in the United States;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any extradition proceedings have been initiated to bring those criminals to India for prosecution?